



Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

May 2025

The following report reflects information contained in the Child Care Data System (CCDS) administered by the DESE Office of Childhood. Unless otherwise noted, data consists of un-duplicated counts of children and families participating in the subsidy program for the identified month.
Database as of June 6, 2025.

SECTION 1: CHILD CARE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

	May 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Submitted	4,558	18.9%	30.1%
Approved	2,678	11.2%	-1.1%
Rejected	1,421	12.5%	18.2%
Pending	1,105		
15 Days or Less	291		
More Than 15 Days	291		
Total Pending	1,396		

SECTION 2: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN APPROVED FOR SUBSIDY

		May 2025	April 2025	March 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Approved Households	Income	18,025	17,707	16,762	1.8%	7.5%
	Protective Services	3,973	3,753	3,535	5.9%	12.4%
	Total	21,995	21,457	20,293	2.5%	8.4%
Approved Children	Income	27,842	27,774	27,195	0.2%	2.4%
	Protective Services	6,789	6,752	6,827	0.5%	-0.6%
	Total	34,592	34,462	33,981	0.4%	1.8%

SECTION 3: CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

Children Served	Income	20,416	20,052	19,101	1.8%	6.9%
	Protective Services	4,687	4,700	4,584	-0.3%	2.2%
	Total	25,098	24,740	23,678	1.4%	6.0%
Payments		\$23,740,819	\$22,963,736	\$20,180,664	3.4%	17.6%
Average Payment Per Child		\$946	\$928	\$852	1.9%	11.0%

SECTION 4: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE SUMMARY

	Level 1 (151-185% FPL)			Level 2 (186-215% FPL)			Level 3 (216-242% FPL)		
	May 2025	April 2025	March 2025	May 2025	April 2025	March 2025	May 2025	April 2025	March 2025
Approved Households	509	459	375	162	138	115	65	53	41
Children Served	840	798	695	233	209	185	86	72	59
Payments	\$632,516.03	\$571,573.67	\$495,658.55	\$179,678.09	\$160,290.08	\$136,028.70	\$67,002.02	\$51,930.95	\$37,309.29
Average Payment per Household	\$322	\$320	\$321	\$335	\$335	\$315	\$345	\$345	\$335
Average Payment per Child	\$323	\$327	\$330	\$354	\$358	\$347	\$364	\$367	\$374

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SECTION 5: CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE

Children Served May 2025		Payments May 2025
Under Age 1	1,176	\$1,827,497
AGE 1	2,863	\$5,010,880
AGE 2	3,741	\$4,094,207
AGE 3	4,196	\$3,720,146
AGE 4	3,852	\$3,390,695
AGE 5	3,049	\$2,361,325
AGE 6	1,458	\$837,228
AGE 7	1,212	\$662,674
AGE 8	1,023	\$523,631
AGE 9	862	\$438,239
AGE 10	664	\$340,416
AGE 11	515	\$271,153
AGE 12	321	\$165,532
AGE 13	137	\$72,625
Age 14 and Over	29	\$24,471
Total	25,098	\$103
		\$23,740,819

SECTION 6: APPLICATIONS BY STATUS AND REGION

May 2025

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Applications Received		Applications Approved	Applications Rejected	Percent Rejected	Total Resolved	15 Days or Less	More Than 15 Days	Percent Over 15 Da..
Cape Girardeau	346	181	145	26.9%	326	82	19	18.8%
Columbia	169	94	71	25.9%	165	38	12	24.0%
Jefferson City	228	127	102	27.6%	229	52	14	21.2%
Macon	102	64	49	30.1%	113	15	4	21.1%
Not Selected	1,560	1,108	179	8.4%	1,287	356	112	23.9%
Raytown	659	326	268	26.7%	594	166	44	21.0%
Springfield	359	178	145	26.2%	323	84	22	20.8%
St. Louis	1,136	600	462	26.6%	1,062	312	64	17.0%
Total	4,559	2,678	1,421	21.0%	4,099	1,105	291	20.8%

SECTION 7: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION

May 2025

Region	Education	Employment	Homeless	Incapacitated Pare..	Job Search	Not Available	Protective Services	Special Need	Training	Grand Total
Cape Girardeau	154	1,477	31	7	326	78	677	26	10	2,559
Columbia	102	732	35	6	189	50	284	9	20	1,279
Jefferson City	82	855	24	9	236	63	420	8	13	1,583
Macon	40	407	9	2	77	20	197	7	4	706
Not Selected	546	3,999	103	11	1,087	313	1,292	45	111	6,146
Raytown	485	2,669	211	15	972	185	784	43	117	4,815
Springfield	185	1,441	53	5	366	82	648	29	20	2,589
St. Louis	862	5,162	361	49	1,523	437	966	92	158	8,460
Total	1,906	12,708	744	93	3,676	916	3,996	214	340	21,995

SECTION 8: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN

	Households			Children		
	May 2025	April 2025	March 2025	May 2025	April 2025	March 2025
Education	1,906	1,854	1,747	3,047	3,059	3,010
Employment	12,708	12,405	11,638	21,807	21,636	21,229
Homeless	744	696	624	984	945	865
Incapacitated Parent	93	85	80	148	142	134
Job Search	3,676	3,635	3,446	3,223	3,162	3,011
Not Available	916	945	960	1,990	2,149	2,218
Protective Services	3,996	3,777	3,560	6,829	6,793	6,873
Special Need	214	200	175	337	320	291
Training	340	326	308	536	524	523
Total	21,995	21,457	20,293	34,592	34,462	33,981

SECTION 9: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY RACE

	May 2025	April 2025	March 2025
African American (Black)	16,371	16,369	16,083
American/Alaskan Native	301	306	305
Asian	97	92	94
Caucasian (White)	12,923	12,839	12,719
Multi-Racial	3,665	3,638	3,568
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl..	58	58	58
Other	567	559	551
Prefer not to answer	646	638	634
Unknown	5	5	8
Total	34,592	34,462	33,981

SECTION 10: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY ETHNICITY

	May 2025	April 2025	March 2025
Hispanic	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%
Non-Hispanic	90.7%	90.7%	90.6%
Prefer not to answer	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



SECTION 11: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

May 2025

*excludes Protective Services households

Household Size	Approved Households	% of Total Households Last Month along Table (Down)	Average Household Monthly Income
0	0	0.0%	\$2,336
1	326	1.5%	\$47
2	6,354	28.9%	\$914
3	6,977	31.7%	\$1,142
4	5,154	23.4%	\$1,309
5	2,752	12.5%	\$1,396
6	1,259	5.7%	\$1,358
7 or More	984	4.5%	\$1,269
Total	21,995	100.0%	\$1,029

SECTION 12: CHILDREN SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CHILD BY FACILITY

Provider Type	Provider Facility Type	May 2025			April 2025			March 2025		
		Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..	Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..	Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..
Exempt	Exempt Program	562	\$379,579.36	\$675	550	\$336,162.15	\$611	532	\$267,489.62	\$503
	Six or Fewer	1,052	\$590,100.30	\$561	1,024	\$600,783.16	\$587	982	\$508,532.52	\$518
License Exempt	Religious Organization/ Nursery School	1,701	\$1,278,253.20	\$751	1,711	\$1,170,876.16	\$684	1,662	\$1,158,308.58	\$697
Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	20,519	\$20,581,268.60	\$1,003	20,198	\$19,973,536.93	\$989	19,303	\$17,423,754.11	\$903
	Licensed Family Child Care Home	864	\$623,873.36	\$722	838	\$599,101.14	\$715	797	\$570,541.30	\$716
	Licensed Group Child Care Home	498	\$287,504.63	\$577	495	\$268,624.37	\$543	480	\$246,440.29	\$513
Total		25,098	\$23,740,579.45	\$946	24,740	\$22,949,083.91	\$928	23,678	\$20,175,066.43	\$852

SECTION 13: PAID AND CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

*Includes contracted providers and providers in the process of renewing their contract.

Contracted Providers	Exempt	Exempt Program	191	189	187
		Six or Fewer	660	658	657
	Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	1,327	1,321	1,311
		Licensed Family Child Care Home	237	233	232
		Licensed Group Child Care Home	64	64	64
	Licensed Exempt	Religious Organization/Nursery School	122	121	118
			2,601	2,586	2,569
Total					

SECTION 14: CHILDREN RECEIVING OTHER STATE ASSISTANCE

	May 2025	April 2025	March 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP)	2,201	2,142	1,971	2.8%	11.7%
Low Income Housing	2,187	2,124	2,038	3.0%	7.3%
Medicaid	15,069	14,680	13,950	2.6%	8.0%
Food Stamps (SNAP)	15,184	14,944	14,299	1.6%	6.2%
Temporary Assistance (TANF)	678	670	635	1.2%	6.8%
Total	18,273	17,895	17,044	2.1%	7.2%